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THE Universe exists to give experience to the soul.

WE may extract the sunbeams of life from the cucumbers of experience if we are devoted enough.

TRUTH is like milk, of which only an expert can judge. Some take it with the golden cream thick upon it, while the squeamish stomachs of others prefer it skimmed and watered.

THE most consoling aspect of Karma is its perfect reliableness. Friends fail us, our material conditions slip away, everything is transitory and subject to change, but the Great Law is always sure. Love never faileth. What we sow we reap

MOST people doubt the efficacy of prayer. A large portion of the Christian church believes in the eternal punishment of sinners, among whom they include those who crucified the Lord. Yet His last prayer was for their forgiveness. If His prayer avails not, whose can?

REINCARNATION is no more a theory than heredity is, and heredity is no more susceptible of direct proof than reincarnation. Both sides of life require explanation, and what is unaccounted for by one hypothesis is supplied by the other. Heredity provides the physical form, reincarnation the man who inhabits it.

OBJECTION is raised to theosophy as being too abstruse and intellectual, and only fit for the cultured and educated, with nothing to offer to the poor and uneducated. But this is the objection of the inconsiderate who are not satisfied with the simplicity of its elementary teachings, and find its advanced phases too comprehensive. It is as though one objected to algebra, or geometry, or trigonometry or the differential calculus. They are too difficult he will say. And when you offer the four simple rules and the multiplication table he turns away with superior wisdom. He knows all about them. Yet by the practice of the four simple rules of arithmetic that we arrive at the comprehension of the differential calculus.

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